

**I claim as follows:**

1. A fan blade cleaning tool, comprising:  
a box-shaped housing having first and second openings on opposing sides and  
a passage extending therebetween for receiving a fan blade; and  
5 a dust gutter extending outwardly from, and adjacent to, said first opening.

2. The cleaning tool of claim 1, wherein said housing includes opposing first and  
second inner walls defining said passage.

10 3. The cleaning tool of claim 2, further comprising first and second cleaning  
pads removably securable within said passage.

4. The cleaning tool of claim 3, wherein said first pad is adjacent said first inner  
wall, and said second pad is adjacent said second inner wall.

15 5. The cleaning tool of claim 4, wherein said first and second pads are  
deformably resilient and form a fit within said passage.

6. The cleaning tool of claim 5, wherein said first and second pads are foam.

20 7. The cleaning tool of claim 5, wherein said first and second pads include  
adjacent cleaning surfaces for simultaneously contacting opposing surfaces of  
the fan blade.

8. The cleaning tool of claim 5, wherein said first and second pads have substantially identical dimensions.

5 9. The cleaning tool of claim 5, wherein at least one of said first and second pads includes a beveled edge.

10. The cleaning tool of claim 9, wherein said beveled edge is adjacent said first opening.

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11. The cleaning tool of claim 3, wherein said pads are moistened with a polishing fluid.

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12. The cleaning tool of claim 3, wherein said housing comprises a first major planar surface spaced from a second major planar surface, and sidewalls extending between and integral with said first and second major surfaces.

13. The cleaning tool of claim 12, wherein said dust gutter extends outwardly from, and is integral with, said second major surface.

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14. The cleaning tool of claim 12, further comprising a tubular member having a passage extending outwardly from said second major surface.

15. The cleaning tool of claim 14, wherein said passage extends substantially perpendicular to said second major surface.
- 5 16. The cleaning tool of claim 14, further comprising an elongate handle releasably securably within said passage.
17. The cleaning tool of claim 12, wherein said first and second major planar surfaces flare outwardly proximate said first opening.
- 10 18. The cleaning tool of claim 17, wherein said first opening is larger than said second opening.
- 15 19. The cleaning tool of claim 12, wherein at least one of said first and second major planar surfaces includes an indented portion relative to an edge defining said second opening.
20. The cleaning tool of claim 19, wherein said indented portion exposes a portion of an outer surface of said cleaning pad.
- 20 21. The cleaning tool of claim 12, wherein said dust gutter lies on a plane spaced from the plane of said second major planar surface.

22. The cleaning tool of claim 1, wherein said housing and said dust gutter are integrally formed of plastic.

23. The cleaning tool of claim 1, wherein said dust gutter includes a curved base.

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24. A method of cleaning a fan blade, comprising the steps of:

passing a fan blade through a passage extending through a box shaped housing

while simultaneously cleaning opposing major surfaces of the fan blade; and

collecting debris from opposing major surfaces of the fan blade in a dust

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gutter during said passing step.

25. The method of claim 24, comprising the further step of simultaneously

applying a polishing fluid to opposing major surfaces of the fan blade during

said passing step.

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